

REMARKS

In the present Amendment, claim 3 has been amended to correct the informality noted by the Examiner in paragraph 1 of the subject Office Action. Applicants respectfully submit that claim 3 is now proper and allowable. Applicants appreciate the indication that claim 3 would be allowable if written in independent form. Claim 4 has been added by the present Amendment and depends from claim 3. As a result, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 4 is allowable as well.

In the subject Office Action, Claims 1 and 2 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,616,838 to Preston et al. Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner in this regard. Step c) of independent claim 1 recites “calculating a density of the dispensed cryogenic liquid using the first characteristic from step a) and the second characteristic from step b)” (emphasis added). Steps a) and b) of claim 1 recite that these characteristics are measured with a primary meter and a compensating meter.

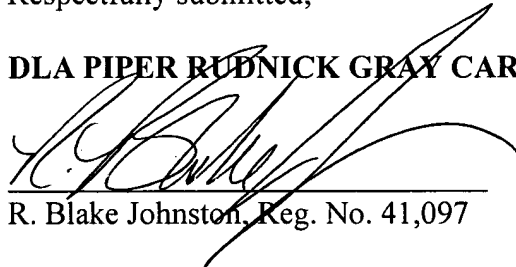
Column 1, lines 61 through column 2, line 4 and column 3, lines 19-34, of the Preston et al. '838 patent state that the temperature sensor 80 sends a signal to the system microprocessor and that this is used to compute the density of the LNG. Alternatively, pressure sensors 84 and 86 may be substituted for the temperature sensor 80 and the differential pressure may be used to compute the LNG density. Nothing is stated about using a second characteristic from a compensating meter to calculate the density, as recited by claim 1 of the subject application. As a result, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 is patentable over the Preston et al. '838 patent. As a result, claim 2, which depends from claim 1, is also patentable.

Claim 2 of the subject application recites that the secondary characteristic of step b) of claim 1 is a frequency of cryogenic liquid flow through the compensating meter. The Preston et al. '838 patent makes no mention of the frequency of cryogenic liquid flow, let alone the use of it to calculate density. As a result, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 2 is further distinguishable from the Preston et al. '838 patent.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of the case, it is requested that the undersigned attorney be telephoned for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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